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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Akihiko ITO, et al

Application No.: 09/964,211

Group Art Unit: 2858

Filed: September 25, 2001

Examiner: J. Kerveros

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE TESTING  
APPARATUS AND A TEST TRAY FOR USE  
IN THE TESTING APPARATUS

**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patent  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated May 23, 2003 (Paper No. 5) for which a response was due on August 23, 2003. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a two-month(s) extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to October 23, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.



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**AMENDMENTS**

**In the specification**

On page 1, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 5 as follows:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/254,084, entitled "Semiconductor Device Testing Apparatus and a Test Tray for Use in the Testing Apparatus", and filed on February 26, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,459,259.